

## WRANGLING LONG AND SENT REPORT BACK

Council Hears Much Talk  
and Many Motions, But  
Does Little Work.

## ELECTROLYSIS VOTE DELAYED

Sharp Criticism of City Tax Col-  
lector—Result of Investigation  
of Mayor's Charges Causes  
Contention—Minority Re-  
port on Double Over-  
head Trolley System.

## What Council Did

Recommitted joint investigating  
committee's report as to McCarthy-  
Finance Committee controversy and  
charges.  
Delayed vote on double overhead  
trolley system until first Thursday  
in December.  
Sustained Mayor's veto of ordi-  
nance appointing special tax col-  
lectors.

After going through a series of  
wrangles and a system of filibustering  
that to a number of spectators seemed  
ludicrous, the Common Council last  
night sent back to the joint investigat-  
ing committee its report on the charges  
affecting Mayor McCarthy and the  
Finance Committee, this sudden ter-  
mination, so far as the lower branch  
was concerned, being a happy finale to  
a tiresome farce.

The report of the investigators, along  
with the opinion of Mr. Meredith, was  
presented, and instantly various mem-  
bers waited an explosion. A very  
quietly Councilman Cannon arose from  
his seat. Referring to the paragraph  
which stated that the committee did  
not know how it became public knowl-  
edge that Mr. McCarthy had advised the  
members, Mr. Cannon said that City  
Attorney Pollard requested Mr. Mer-  
edith to act in his stead, and that he  
(Mr. Cannon) knew the contents of the  
report from Mr. Meredith's lips.

Then he sat down. There was a  
moment of silence. It seemed as if  
everybody hoped it would stop there.  
Giving outward expression to the  
wishes of the body, Mr. David Meade  
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## FIELDS BROTHERS ARE HELD

Must Answer in Federal Court Charge  
of Hobbling Mails of \$3,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DURHAM, N. C., November 7.—  
James M. Fields, mail clerk on the  
Durham and Southern, and Bascomb  
Fields, his brother, were given a pro-  
bationary hearing before United States  
Commissioner Mays on the charge of  
stealing \$3,000 from a package in  
transit in the mails from the Bank  
of Richmond, of Richmond, Va., to the  
Bank of Harnett, Duke, N. C., and  
were bound over to the Federal court  
under bond of \$100 each.

The hearing began this morning  
shortly after 10 o'clock, and was con-  
cluded to-night at 8 o'clock. The gov-  
ernment introduced the testimony of  
over twenty witnesses, and the de-  
fense rested the case after the ex-  
amination of these.

Mr. R. B. Campbell, teller of the  
Bank of Richmond, the first witness,  
swore that he was the only one, with  
the exception of the colored porter in  
the bank, who handled the package  
before leaving Richmond, and the only  
duty of the latter was to mail it.

He further stated that the package  
was put up, sealed and addressed by  
him and contained \$3,000, which was  
sent from the Richmond Bank to Duke,  
N. C., on September 30th. W. H. Ham,  
H. F. Archer, Charles I. Robertson, R.  
B. Thorpe and J. H. Thompson, all of  
whom are in the registry department of  
the Richmond Post-office, were exam-  
ined. The evidence introduced by these  
witnesses was perfect in every detail,  
and revealed the fact that this pack-  
age was given singular attention for  
the reason it was sent by a bank, and  
the clerks ordinarily supposed it con-  
tained money. The package was traced  
to the post-office in Durham, where it  
was transferred to J. M. Fields, and  
could be traced no further, for the re-  
ason that the defense rested the case  
unexpectedly without further exami-  
nation of a witness.

## LUSITANIA'S NEW MARK

Cannard Greyhound Bona, Her Best  
Previous Time by Two Hours.

NEW YORK, November 7.—The Cun-  
ard liner Lusitania was in communi-  
cation with the wireless station at  
Singapore, L. L. at 9:45 o'clock, her  
position was not given, but it is  
known that she was within a short run  
of Sandy Hook bar. She is expected to  
arrive here by night, her last trans-  
atlantic voyage. She will anchor out-  
side the bar as the Ambrose chan-  
nel is not lighted, and she cannot come  
up to her dock until daylight. She is  
expected to dock at 9 o'clock to-mor-  
row.

The last position reported by the  
steamer was given in a wireless dis-  
patch received at Singapore, March 11  
A. M. The steamer was then 209  
miles east of Sandy Hook lightship.  
Six knots, ending at noon, was  
510 knots.

The Lusitania was sighted about  
twelve miles southeast of Fire Is-  
land about 11:31. This will probably  
bring her to the lighted bar at 9  
o'clock, which will beat her previous  
record by one hour and fifty-two min-  
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## HAYASHI BRUSHES WAR CLOUDS AWAY

Japanese Foreign Minis-  
ter Says His People Are  
Far From Bellicose.

## NO HOSTILITY TO UNITED STATES

Cause of Civilization, as Well as  
Community of Interests, De-  
mands Lasting Peace and  
Friendship of Americans  
and Japanese, He  
Says.

TOKIO, November 7.—The official  
silence, so long consistently main-  
tained by Japan on the subject of the  
relations of the United States and  
Japan in connection with the per-  
sistent reports of friction, was broken  
to-day by an Associated Press inter-  
view with Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Hayashi.

He prefaced his statement by ex-  
pressing the hope that a sincere pro-  
nouncement by the foreign minister of  
Japan, and its publication through the  
Associated Press, would prevent further  
misrepresentation and finally result in  
discrediting those who are constantly  
circulating false and harmful reports.  
He spoke not only as a foreign minis-  
ter, but as representing the sentiment  
of the entire cabinet and the public.

Minister Hayashi then said that the  
relations between Japan and America  
were as smooth and cordial as ever,  
and the cause of civilization, as well  
as community of interests, demanded  
their lasting peace and friendship.  
That full weight may be given the  
interview, it is proper to state that it  
was granted by the foreign minister  
only after lengthy consideration of  
the propriety of an official statement  
at this time.

His pronouncement confirms the  
views expressed to the Associated  
Press on every hand by politicians,  
newspaper men and others.

Immigration Question Settled.  
Minister Hayashi admitted that the  
immigration question was a most se-  
rious matter, and was uppermost in  
the public mind, but he was possi-  
bly without doubt settled without  
friction. Already it practically has been  
decided. One thing certain is that the  
Japanese government is not solicitous  
for the immigration of its people into  
any country. During the interview Min-  
ister Hayashi said:

"The only thing causing doubt in the  
mind of the public here is the immi-  
gration question, but far from being  
unduly excited, the people of Japan  
are satisfied to rest the case, in full  
confidence that it will be adjusted in  
a manner worthy of both nations, by  
the fair-minded people of America, who  
have earned the name by a pre-emi-  
nently just and liberal policy in the  
extreme East during the last half cen-  
tury. According to reports from vari-  
ous sources dealing with what is  
called the Japanese situation, it ap-  
pears certain that a portion of the  
press of the United States, bent on  
representing an ultimate conflict with  
Japan as inevitable, and in order ap-  
parently to subvert this special pur-  
pose, magnified even to trifling im-  
portance, into matters portending  
grave consequences."

"Facts that can be explained easily  
and naturally by the commonest kind  
of common sense are commented on  
as a mystery, and therefore have been  
fetched, impossible hypothesis, and the  
uninitiated public gradually is led into  
the vague belief that the relations of  
Japan and the United States are any-  
thing but smooth and cordial. These  
misrepresentations are incomprehen-  
sible, and we are unable to explain them  
except upon the ground of a financial  
nature."

Complacency of Japanese.  
"A relieving feature is the opinion  
that these ominous state-  
ments find no echo on this side of the  
Pacific. Notwithstanding persistent  
reports to the contrary, the people of  
Japan regard the situation with a sense  
of complacency and absolute confi-  
dence."

"It is true that at the time of the San  
Francisco trouble popular indignation  
and resentment were aroused, but our people  
knew that the hostile feeling in America  
was only local and temporary, and their  
confidence in the fairness and justice of  
Americans never deserted them, even in  
those trying days."

"Notwithstanding that some newspapers  
assert that the Japanese attitude is bel-  
ligerent, I say again that it is inconceivable."  
The attitude assumed by the Japanese  
government, which, after all, is only a re-  
flection of public sentiment, is that they are  
convinced that the cause of civilization  
as well as community of interests demands  
lasting peace and friendship between the  
two nations bordering the Pacific."

## PRINCIPALS IN PERCIVAL ROMANCE



## STATE CONTROL IS PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Governor Comer's Message De-  
clares That It Overshadows  
Rate-Making.

SAYS SMITH DEFIES STATE  
Louisville and Nashville Presi-  
dent Is Charged With Openly  
Defying State.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., November 7.—  
Decision by the Alabama Legisla-  
ture, which met in extra session here  
to-day to consider all bills presented  
makes it certain that the lawmakers  
will sit longer than was expected.  
forty bills being introduced to-day.  
They cover the widest range. It is  
freely predicted that the session will  
continue until January.

Five general prohibition bills, a  
compulsory educational bill and a  
bill to remedy conditions at the State  
Hospital for the Insane were present-  
ed, in addition to railroad regulation  
measures proposed by the Governor.  
In his message to the special session  
of the Legislature to-day Governor  
Comer insisted that the control and  
regulation of the railroads by the  
State is a question more important  
than the making of rates or any other  
matter, in that it involves the ques-  
tion of the right of the State to con-  
trol its internal affairs.

The message goes on to say that  
President Smith of the Louisville and  
Nashville Railroad, "has held out  
against the Alabama laws, while oth-  
ers have put them into effect; has  
defied the State and its people by op-  
erating a lobby at the capitol; openly  
admitting that his company has in-  
fluenced legislation in the past; has  
caused the Governor of Alabama and  
Georgia populists; has raised rates  
over night in defiance of State laws,  
and has generally refused to recog-  
nize the right of the State to make  
laws applying to transportation com-  
panies."

Paulie Due to Rascality.  
That the Alabama rate laws are not  
confiscatory is shown by the Govern-  
or's message, by the fact that they pre-  
vail in other nearby States and provide  
profit. Financial troubles, he says,  
have not grown out of the laws made  
to control corporations, but are due  
to the rascality of the high financiers,  
and the producer of the cotton of the  
South is now coming to save the coun-  
try from panic.

The Louisville and Nashville Rail-  
road is charged with manipulation to  
prevent use of waterways, to make  
rules for hauling coal, and as to de-  
murrage and freight rates which are  
arbitrary, and with generally seeking  
to control the State, to the detriment  
of the people.

Smith Not Heard From.  
LOUISVILLE, KY., November 7.—It  
was said to-day that President Smith,  
of the Louisville and Nashville Rail-  
road, was out of the city, and that a  
statement could not be obtained from  
him at this time on Governor Comer's  
message to the Alabama Legislature.

## HELD FOR INFANTICIDE

Young Newport News Mother Charged  
With Death of Babe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., November 7.—  
Mrs. Nathan B. Baker, the young  
woman charged with murdering her  
new-born infant, was held for the  
grand jury in the Police Court to-day.  
The justice held that the Common-  
wealth had made out a very poor case,  
and freed the prisoner's bond at \$300,  
which was given this afternoon.

The doctors in the case could not  
swear that the child breathed after  
being born, and the evidence tended  
to show that life certainly was extinct  
before the mother made the attempt  
to hide the body. There were no signs  
of violence on the body, and the magis-  
trate expressed the opinion that the  
death of the child resulted from neglect  
rather than from violence.  
Mrs. Baker's husband and brother  
were with her during the trial, and  
propose to stand by her, although it is  
admitted that Baker was not the father  
of the child.

## ASK COUNCILMEN TO RESIGN

Citizens of Roanoke Opposing Market  
Adopt Strong Resolutions.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., November 7.—A  
largely attended meeting of citizens  
called to-night to protest against the  
purchase by the city of the Randolph  
Market, adopted a resolution calling  
upon Aldermen J. R. Weaver and H.  
B. Donaldson and Councilman W. R.  
Hodgeson to resign, charging them  
with their action in favoring the sale  
of the city market and purchase of the  
Randolph Market was overzealous,  
and inimical to the interest of the city,  
and also that Councilman J. B. New-  
ton had removed out of his ward,  
vote in his seat.

Speeches were made denouncing  
members of the City Council, and the  
resolutions were unanimously adopted.

## SHOT DOWN AT POLLS

William Hopkins Dies From Wounds  
Received Election Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., November 7.—Wil-  
liam J. Hopkins, thirty-four years old,  
died to-day at Norton, Va., as the re-  
sult of a shooting affray, following  
an election riot at Wise Courthouse  
on Tuesday. Hopkins was shot by Wil-  
liam Skeen, a Republican, well known  
in Wise county.

The trouble started over Hopkins's  
attempt to persuade a voter to cast  
his ballot against Skeen's candidate.  
The latter ran from the polls, return-  
ing a few minutes later with a shot-  
gun. Dot hared at the same time. Hop-  
kins fell mortally wounded, while  
Skeen, who was also seriously wound-  
ed, escaped by the assistance of friends,  
and is still at large.

## TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION

Hard-Yarn Spinners to Reduce Out-  
put Until After January 1st.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 7.—  
At a meeting of the Southern Hard-  
Yarn Spinners' Association, held in this  
city this afternoon, an agreement was  
adopted looking to the curtailment of  
production at least one-third during  
the period, beginning November 11th,  
and ending January 1, 1908. Manu-  
facturers representing the aggregate  
of 750,000 spindles were present, and  
these unanimously subscribed to the  
agreement. The condition of the cot-  
ton market and financial situation was  
given as the reasons for the curtail-  
ment. Another meeting was called for  
Thursday, November 14th, at which the  
mills not represented to-day are ex-  
pected to subscribe to the agreement.

## PRETTY ROMANCE IS NOW SHATTERED

Mysterious Disappearance  
of Justin Percival's Be-  
trothed Cleared.

## WENT TO CHICAGO AND LIVES THERE

Mrs. Virginia Peyton Knight-  
Howe's Disappearance on Eve-  
of Her Marriage to Lynch-  
burg Means That She  
Will Not Wed Girl-  
hood Lover.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., November 7.—Mrs.  
Virginia Peyton Knight-Howe, a Vir-  
ginia society belle, who left New York  
City mysteriously a day after she was  
divorced from her husband, J. Wilson  
Howe, and an hour before it was said  
she was to have become the bride of  
Justin Percival, the heir to Percival  
Island, at Lynchburg, was found in  
Chicago to-day at the quarters of the  
Young Women's Christian Association.  
She had left New York without noti-  
fication to her family and without the  
knowledge of the man who was at the  
moment dressing for the wedding.  
"Run away," she said. "No, I did not  
run away. I simply came to Chicago,  
and my purpose is to do newspaper  
work."

"Were you engaged to marry Mr.  
Percival the day after your divorce  
suit?"  
"Yes," she admitted, "but that is  
over. There will be no wedding."

"Why did you leave just on your  
wedding day?"  
"Well, he was unfortunate in Wall  
Street. I will leave you to guess  
whether that was a reason. Anyway,  
the day after my divorce I came here  
to work."

"Do you know that he is on his way  
to Chicago to search for you?"  
"No, but if he comes I shall be per-  
fectly willing to see him."

## SISTER CLEARS MYSTERY.

Mrs. Howe's Disappearance Voluntary  
and Engagements at End.

The following story was sent out  
from New York yesterday:  
Justin Percival, heir to Percival's  
Island, Lynchburg, Va., who was  
yesterday that he had been searching  
in vain for Mrs. Virginia Peyton  
Knight-Howe, his fiancée, who had  
strangely vanished from his ken,  
should be advised by his friends not  
to seek information concerning her  
from her sister, Mrs. Harry Walter  
Wilmut, of 48 West Fifty-ninth Street.  
When Mrs. Wilmut was seen in her  
apartment to-day, she not only de-  
clared the report of her sister's dis-  
appearance absurd, but added a few  
remarks that should not cause the heir  
of Percival Island to blush with  
pleasure.

First, she declared, there no longer  
existed an engagement to marry be-  
tween Mrs. Howe and Mr. Percival,  
who was divorced from his first wife,  
Marie Louise Wells Percival, of a well-  
known Georgia family, at the October  
term of court in Jacksonville, Fla.  
"My sister," said Mrs. Wilmut, trem-  
bling with indignation, "broke her en-  
gagement with Mr. Percival for good  
and sufficient reasons several weeks  
ago."

"I have read the report of my sister's  
disappearance, and know that it  
was caused to be published by Mr.  
Percival purely to injure Virginia. It  
was pretty mean spite that prompted  
him to frame this report. I have  
before the public, and probably with  
the further desire of having his pic-  
ture published in the papers."

"Mr. Percival knew that my sister  
was going away to visit friends and  
remain a long-needed rest. He knew  
this before the engagement was  
broken—broken, as I said before, for  
good and sufficient reasons. He has  
her address in his possession, and I  
consider his action as mean, low and  
contemptible. It only proves that she  
was perfectly right when she  
broke her engagement with him."

Percival's Story Romantic.  
Mr. Percival's story of the vanishing  
of his fiancée was very romantic. He  
and Mrs. Howe had been sweethearts  
in Virginia since childhood, but they  
drifted apart and each was married  
in the same month. By another singular  
coincidence, the two were divorced in  
the same month. They were to be married  
October 31st in "The Little Church  
Around the Corner." The intended wed-  
ding day was Mrs. Howe's birthday.

The heir of Percival Island declared  
that he was fully prepared for the  
wedding on the day set, but that his  
fiancée failed to appear. This does not  
agree with Mrs. Wilmut's statement  
regarding the broken engagement.

Mrs. Howe was divorced October  
30th from J. Wilson Howe, of Wash-  
ington and this city, a nephew of  
President Woodrow Wilson, president of  
Princeton University. They were mar-  
ried eight years ago. Mr. Percival's  
wife, from whom he was divorced in  
Jacksonville last month, was Marie  
Louise Wells, of Columbus, Ga., a fa-  
mous beauty.

Mrs. Howe separated from her hus-  
band three years ago. Without means  
she turned to her pen for a living, and  
became society editor of the Charlotte-  
ville (Va.) Daily Progress. She took  
the pen name of "Fluffy," and her  
writings were very popular in the  
South. Her sister refuses to tell where  
she is, as she does not wish to have  
her annoyed.

## ISLAND LEGACY A MYTH.

Percival's Island Owned by Railroad  
For Half a Century.

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 7.—  
Justin Percival, who is figuring in a  
sensational search for Mrs. Virginia  
Knight-Howe in New York City, ac-  
cording to some of the metropolitan  
papers, is a native of this city. His  
father is a superannuated member of  
the police force, and as such inspector of  
bridges in the city.

As to the statement that he is an  
heir to Percival's Island, this property  
was condemned for railway purposes  
more than fifty years ago, during the  
Civil War. His grandfather, then the  
owner, and is now the island yard of  
the Norfolk and Western Railway.  
Percival edited a small paper at Galle-  
ria.

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Business goes on without any excitement in the same aggres-  
sive manner. No failures. Money for legitimate needs.

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printed 46,559 separate want ads. Thousands more than any  
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